Recommendations of U.N. Human Rights Commission

5642. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government on the recommendation made by the U.N. Human Rights Commission working group regarding contemporary form of slavery during its session held in 1989, 1990 and 1991 in the areas of abolition of child labour;and

(b) the conventions of ILO relating to the Bonded Labour including child labour that have been ratified and are awaiting ratification by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The Working Group on contemporary form of slavery of the Sub Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has recommended that measures should be taken to eliminate exploitation of child labour and debt bondage. In India the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986 was enacted with a view to regulating the working conditions of children and prohibiting employment of children in specified occupations. The National Child Labour Policy, inter alia, envisages focusing on the general development programme for the benefit of child labour and taking up project-based plan of action in areas of high concentration of child labour.

(b) The Government of India has ratified ILO Convention No. 29 on forced labour, Convention No. 5 on minimum age (industry), Convention No. 6 & 90 on night work of young persons (industry), Convention No. 15 on minimum age of trimmers and stocker Convention No. 16 on medical examination of young persons (Sea) and Convention No. 123 on minimum age (underground work) etc. It has not been possible to ratify other Conventions on the subject as the Law and the practice in India do not conform to the requirements of the Conventions.

Environment in Roads in Delhi

5643. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has launched a drive to clear the encroachments from the roads in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove the encroachment from other areas than roads also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. It is reported that Delhi Police has embarked upon a modest programme and selected some sections of the roads and a number of bus stops to clear the encroachments.

(b) The details may be seen at the enclosed statements I and II.

(c) and (d). Removal of encroachments is a continuous process and action is taken from time to time by local authorities under the provisions of various Acts to remove encroachments as and when noticed.

STATEMENT-I

Roads Armarked for Removal of Encroachments, Distt.-wise.

New Delhi District

1. Panchkuan Road.